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This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 22, 2008, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.